

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

November 10, 2011

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO APPROVE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MOANALUA
GARDEN FOUNDATION AND THE STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION
OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE.

SUMMARY:

This submittal requests that the Board authorize the Chairperson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Moanalua Garden Foundation (MGF) and the Oahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). The MOU will allow MGF to carry out educational programs and assist DOFAW with improvements to Kamananui (Moanalua) Valley located within the Honolulu Forest reserve (map attachment 1). Tax Map Key: 1-1-1-12: 35 and 13: 1, Honolulu, Oahu.

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BACKGROUND:

MGF has provided field programs for environmental education for over twenty-five years in Kamananui Valley, and has experience in working with DLNR divisions and the Department of Education to provide educational field programs for school children and interpretation of natural resources on State lands for the public.

DISCUSSION:

MGF wishes to continue use of Kamananui Valley, formerly owned by the Damon Estate and now under the jurisdiction of DOFAW, as a location to continue their educational programs. The MOU will clarify the relationship between DLNR and MGF, and would greatly benefit both parties and the general public by enabling MGF to enhance and expand their services with a commitment of assistance and cooperation with DOFAW.

Under the agreement DOFAW will allow MGF and their clients non-exclusive use of state-owned lands open to the public in Kamananui Valley for the purposes of environmental education, and provide a special use permit for access into Kamananui Valley for the purposes of environmental education programs. MGF will conduct environmental education programs at

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various locations within Kamananui Valley, and coordinate and supervise volunteer services for educational and interpretive sites within the valley, in cooperation with DOFAW.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the board authorize the Chairperson to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Moanalua Garden Foundation and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife upon signature approval by the Attorney General's office

Respectfully submitted,

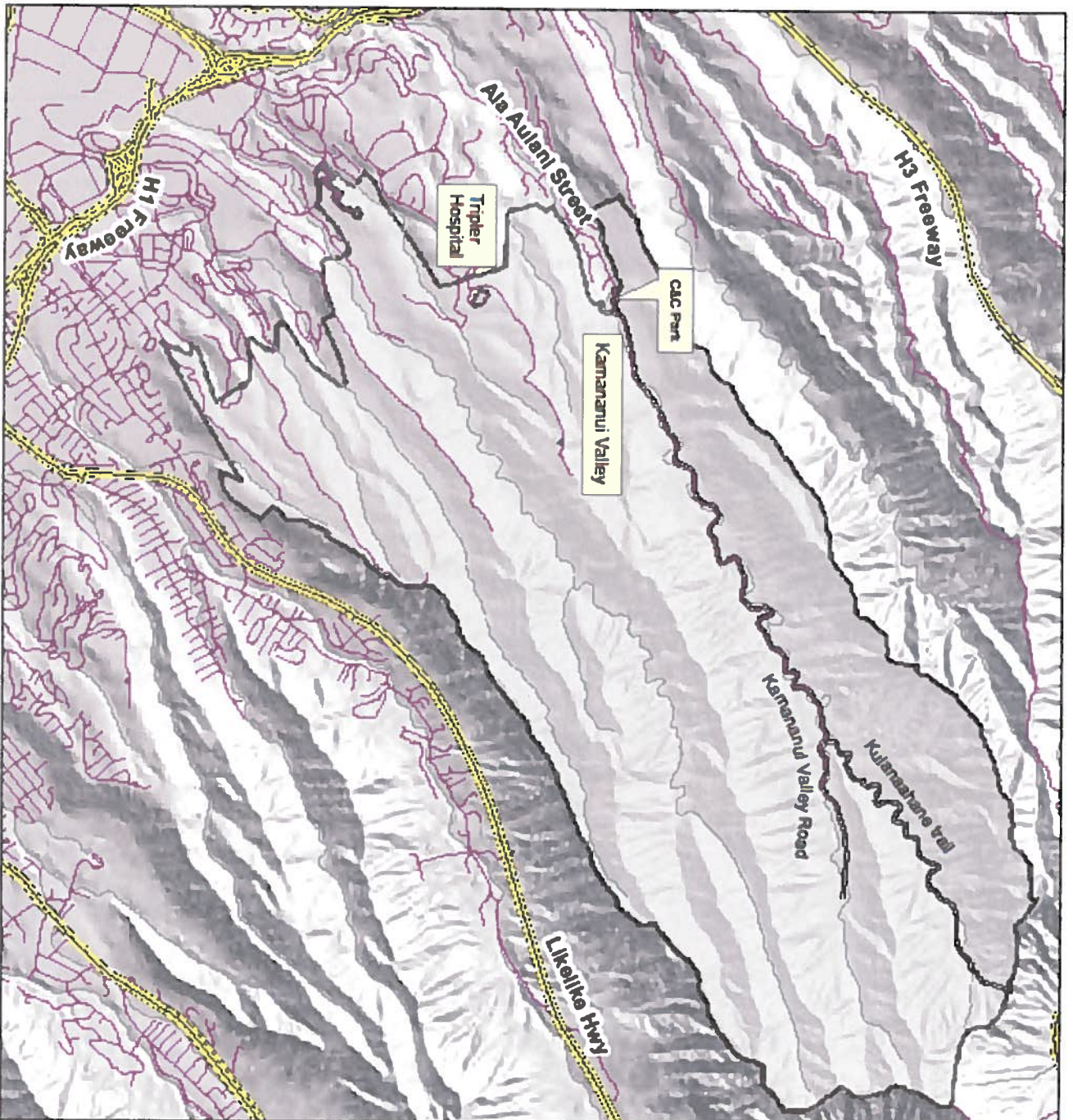


PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Attachment 1 (map)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


WILLIAM J. AILA, JR., CHAIRPERSON

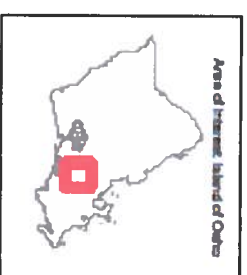


Honolulu Watershed Forest Reserve (Moanalua Section):

Na Ala Hele Trails

Legend

- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Proposed NAH Trails
- Streams
- HWFR (Moanalua Sec)



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